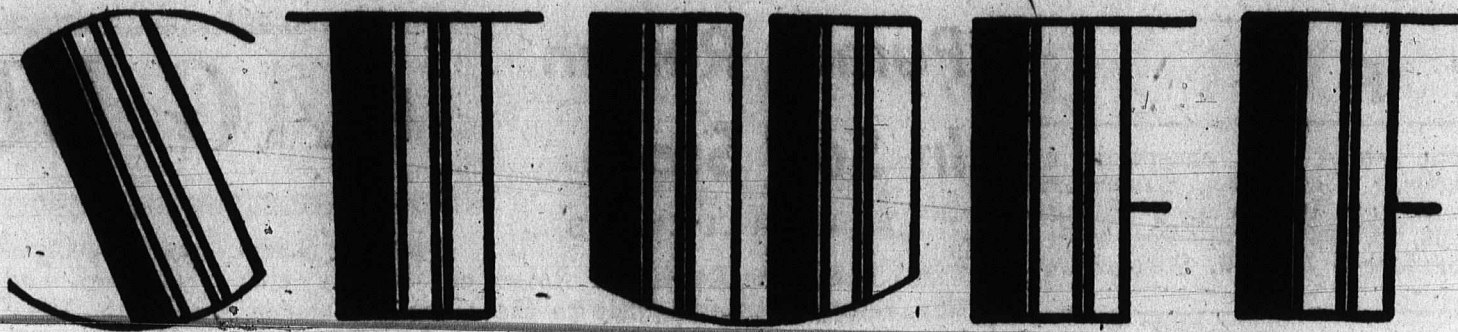


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# RAP RATINGS HIGHEST IN HISTORY

## Student Relief For Europeans In Full Swing

The St. Joseph's campaign for European Relief which got underway on Dec. 16 is now in full swing. Conducted by the local chapter of the National Federation of Catholic College Students, it will continue until March 3, when the drawing of prizes, a Chevrolet Sedan and a \$200 radio, will take place in the fieldhouse. Chairman Joe McGrath reports that students have taken out approximately 2,700 books, and 3,200 more have been sent to alumni. If students continue their support, the \$3,000 goal should be reached. McGrath urges students to obtain donations at basketball games, in town, and while they are at home between semesters.

### Collectors Listed

Returns on books may be made to the following: Dick Kasmer, Science Hall; Jim Spliedt, Ad Building; Dick Gardner, Gaspar Hall; Jim Kohn and Jack Coyne, Noll Hall; Pete Gerka and Ken Weibel, Seifert Hall; Bob Daly, Dick Mosher, and Tom Carmody, Drexel Hall.

Each student is urged to do his share to make this campaign a success. The proceeds will help in educating students of foreign lands and aid in the fight against the anti-Christ movement overseas.

Recently Mayor Bahler of Rensselaer has given his permission to exhibit the Chevrolet on the streets in town and to receive donations.

## Final Exams Scheduled for Jan. 20-25

Semester examinations are scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 20, to Tuesday Jan. 25. These will be two-hour examinations and will cover the subject matter taken during the entire semester.

All students will register for second semester classes according to the following schedule:

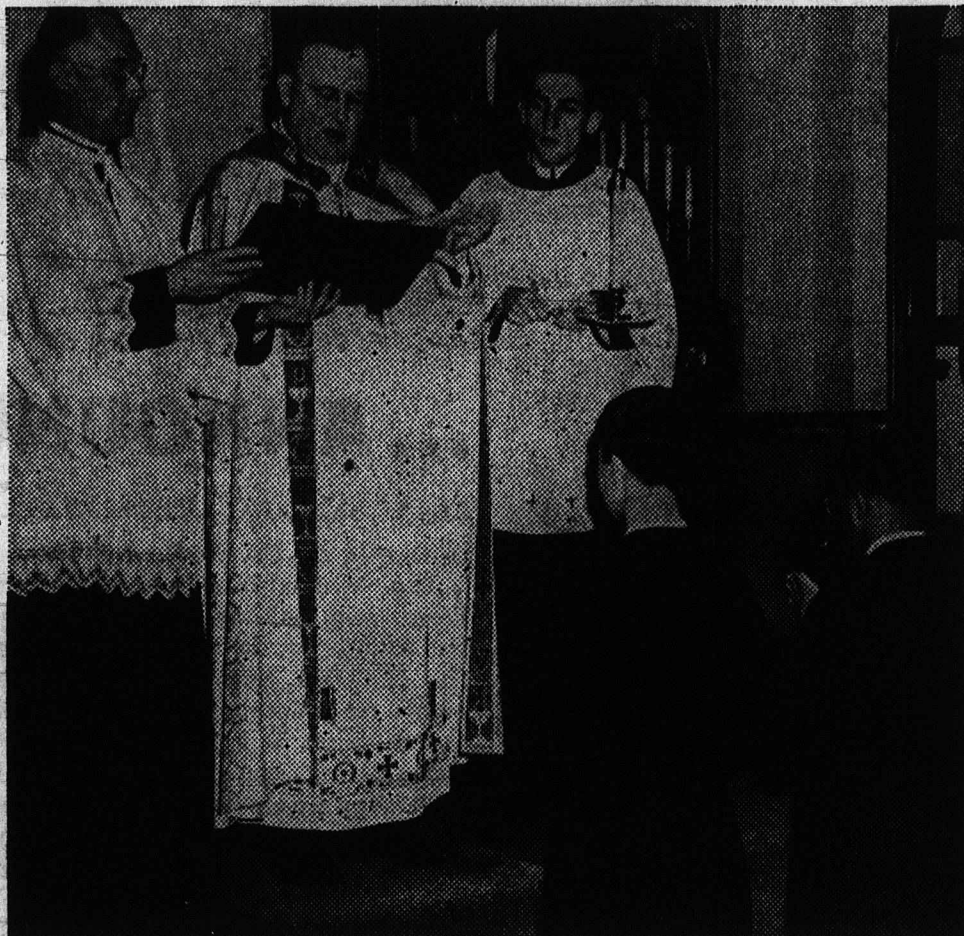
A to E (Abbott to Ewry inclusive) Friday, Jan. 28, 8:15 to 11:30 a.m.  
F to K (Falter to Kusek inclusive) Friday, Jan. 28, 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.  
L to Q (Laffey to Quinn, T. inclusive) Saturday, Jan. 29, 8:15 to 11:30 a.m.  
R to Z (Ranly to Zimmer inclusive) Saturday, Jan. 29, 1:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Failure to keep the appointments indicated in this schedule will be interpreted as late registration. The late registration fee is \$5.00.

Classes for the second semester begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 31.

All students registered for English 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, and 1E are required to pass a standardized test in the mechanics of English in addition to the regular course examination in freshman composition. This test will be given on Monday, Jan. 17 at 8:00 p.m. in the dining hall. Failure to pass the test disqualifies the student from the semester examinations in English.

## Bishop Confirms



The Most Rev. John G. Bennett (center), bishop of the Lafayette Catholic Diocese, is shown conferring confirmation on a St. Joseph's College student with a Negro classmate as the sponsor. The recipient is William Duff (kneeling left), of Russell, Ky., who chose his classmate, Ivan Boykin, from Springfield, Ill. as the sponsor. Both the students are Catholic converts studying for the priesthood. With Bishop Bennett before the high altar of the college chapel are the Rev. R. H. Esser, college vice-president, and James Froelich, seminarian.

## New Aid for Blind



Laborious taking of notes in Braille while attending college classes is a thing of the past for Walter Johnson (center), blind sophomore honor student at St. Joseph's.

Walter is shown demonstrating a new, portable recording device, loaned to him for the duration of his college career by the INDIANAPOLIS STAR. With the "Soundscribe" Walter can now comfortably record classroom lectures, and then play them back on records in his private room. Above are Kenneth Allman (left), Jasper County Welfare Director and long-time friend of Walter, and the Rev. Cletus Kern, registrar at St. Joseph's and the first of Walter's professors to use the new device.

## 63 Colleges in Participation; Life of Riley Show Leading

Radio comedy has hit a new high in decency, according to the latest Radio Acceptance Poll report for the current listening season from St. Joseph's College headquarters.

RAP, composed of college students of all creeds across the nation, tabulated 8,213 votes on 1,620 ballots, covering the four-week period from Oct. 17 to Nov. 13. Programs were audited by students from 63 colleges and universities. Scoring was confined to the single basis of "good taste and all-round family acceptability." Since the opening four weeks of critical listening by collegians, 38 additional institutions have enrolled in the poll.

### Life of Riley Leads

For the four-week period, the Life of Riley and Jack Benny shows were rated "highly acceptable," with the Eddie Cantor and Fred Allen programs tied for third with high "acceptable" ratings. Spaced closely behind the top four, in the order of acceptability, according to pollsters, are Red Skelton, Burns and Allen, Charlie McCarthy, Bob Hope, Phil Harris and Duffy's Tavern, rated well above the half-way mark between "barely acceptable" and "highly acceptable."

College-student monitors will "bend an ear" to radio comedy for 24 weeks of the current fall-winter-spring listening season, in an effort to find out what, if anything, is off-color or suggestive about them.

### Conducted by NFCCS

The Radio Acceptance Poll is conducted by the National Federation of Catholic College Students through its press commission, with headquarters at St. Joseph's College, which finances the poll.

In 30 weeks of balloting last year, RAP totalled 65,981 votes on 16,067 ballots, culminating in the announcement that the Fibber McGee and Molly show was the only radio comedy program to win a "highly acceptable" rating for the entire season. Pollsters said that Fibber and Molly have been "graduated" from RAP this year and won't be monitored.

RAP ratings are set up as follows:

- From 100 to 75—Highly Acceptable.
- From 74 to 25—Acceptable.
- From 24 to minus 25—Barely Acceptable.
- Minus 26 to minus 75—Unacceptable.
- Minus 76 and below—Offensive.

Here are Radio Acceptance Poll results for programs audited during the four weeks from Oct. 17 to Nov. 13, inclusive:

Program	Cumulative* Rating	Class.
1. Life of Riley	78	HA
2. Jack Benny	75	HA
3. Eddie Cantor	68	A
4. Fred Allen	68	A
5. Red Skelton	65	A
6. Burns & Allen	63	A
7. Charlie McCarthy	61	A
8. Bob Hope	60	A
9. Phil Harris	56	A
10. Duffy's Tavern	56	A

\*Composite ratings based on four weeks of RAP balloting.

## Essay Contests To Close May 1

The Rev. Rufus Esser has announced the opening of the two annual contests which determine the best of student endeavor in the fields of formal essays and creative writing. All students interested in writing are urged to enter this year's race for literary approval and cash awards. They will have until May 1 to ready their entries.

The Alumni Essay Contest will offer awards of \$25.00 and \$15.00 to the students who present the best factual (formal) essays of approximately 1500 words. The subject matter is not restricted in any way; hence, the essay may deal with any subject whatever. In order, however, that it merit classification as an essay, it must have literary quality, that is, attention must be paid to interest, organization, diction, style, etc. Consult your text or instructor concerning definition and qualities of the essay.

### Fifty-Dollar Prize

The Mary J. Pursley Award for Creative Writing will offer \$50.00 to the writer of the best composition which merits the classification "creative writing." This branch takes in short stories, one-act or longer plays, personal or familiar essays, and poems at least fourteen lines in length. The latter rule allows for the entrance of sonnets. As in the factual essay contest, subject matter for these entries may be gathered from any field.

General instructions for both divisions are as follows: 1) Both contests are open to all St. Joe students. 2) Entries must be original, and may not include former prize-winners. 3) More than one entry may be submitted for the same contest, but a different pen-name must be used for each. 4) Three typed copies must be submitted. (Double spaced, carbon copies acceptable.) 5) The title page must present the title, pen-name and name of the contest. 6) Along with the entries, an envelope bearing the title and pen-name and containing the name of the author must be presented. 7) Entries are to be given to Father Esser or any other English instructor, who will relay them to Father Esser. 8) Entries will be judged on their literary content and form. But a reasonable degree of neatness, correctness, and precision in typing and general format is expected. Conspicuous slovenliness or the opposite, excessive embroidering of the title page, is apt to injure chances of favorable reception.

## Gift Given Library

St. Joseph's gratefully acknowledges the generous gift of a Rensselaer alumnus, John Ramp, '99-'06, who recently donated the beautiful drapes which adorn the windows in the college library.



## STUFF

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## A Renewed Challenge

Once again your editorialist returns to one of his favorite subjects. It should also be of interest to everyone on the St. Joe campus. It concerns both teachers and students, although the students may be more aware of it. It is the subject of whether to cheat or not to cheat on exams.

This writer, after a very recent experience, feels inclined to change his views and do a little cheating for himself. Here's why: Last week an unexpected test was given by one of the profs. Your correspondent turned in his paper with what he knew on it. A more surprising incident than the test itself was that not merely one or two were seen to cheat (though not by the prof) but it seemed as if a third of the class indulged in this pleasant pastime to some extent, whether just in looking at someone else's paper, or in copying verbatim from the textbook. Needless to say, there were some grades turned in which were enough to make almost anyone willing to take a chance.

Can such people be called "trustworthy Catholic students?" It's a question to be considered by the individual for himself. This department does not wish to be sued for libel.

It is interesting to listen to a cheater talk about his own cleverness in circumventing study and in making good grades. One soon realizes that the cheater is making an effort, perhaps unconsciously, to satisfy his own conscience. Try as he might he will never be able to do so; this is especially true in the case of the Catholic student.

In the way of a small, yet definite move towards cessation of cheating in St. Joe classrooms, this writer will now issue the following challenge: All cheaters are hereby dared to complete their mid-term exams next week without cheating, and to know thereby the peace of mind which comes from knowing that one has done his best, and done it honestly.

## Spir O' the Moment

BY RALPH L. CLARK, JR.

### FORMULA FOR GOLD

One-hundred years ago from this date, 1849 to be specific, thousands of Americans were awed by the report that gold had been discovered in California. Hundreds of people flocked to the land of sunshine and oranges—many successful in their gold-hunting adventure, and many unsuccessful, wracked and worn by the aftermath of their lustful desire for immediate material wealth.

Now it is 1949, and we still have lustful '49ers in these United States who are presently seeking immediate material wealth and happiness in what they consider the easiest possible way. Again, many are meeting with what we might call success. Yes, they have their fleeting moments of happiness from day to day, but it is all so hollow and bare. These people seem to find something missing in life, and an attitude of pessimism easily identifies them when their road becomes worn and rocky.

You may also notice many who have failed to grasp even fleeting moments of worldly happiness. The lone objective these people have comes in the form of their desires. But they present a picture of even deeper pessimism than the aforementioned, for they have no initiative to construct their desires of potentiality into worldly actualities.

No doubt you have made your 1949 New Year resolutions—and isn't it a wonderful feeling to think that we Catholics have something besides worldly achievement and enjoyment on which to base our resolved claim to happiness? It's great to know that we are not lustful '49ers, seeking for ourselves immediate gold, contained in worldly happiness alone.

Yes, when the going gets rough for us we can smile and call ourselves lucky—for we have the formula to turn our troubles into high carat gold, instead of picking up the fool's treasure which glitters but has no value. And if we stop to think how short our stay on this planet really is in comparison to eternity, we can't help but snicker at the importance we place on our trials and tribulations, which if used in the right formula—troubles-of-life plus God—can bring greater happiness than happiness itself.

## Pumas Return In Sad State

BY UTAH CUMMINGS

Joe Puma, the Rensselaer Rover Boy, returned triumphantly to the halls of his alma mater after a glorious Christmas vacation. That is, what he could remember of it was glorious. A few of the events he tried to recall seemed to be viewed by his imagination through a frosted glass. But it was only a very few, so he didn't feel too bad. After all, he's only human.

Besides, most of his reminiscences were images of startling clarity. There was that Christmas dinner, for instance. Boy, that was chow! He had eaten for a full hour, then just melted into that big comfortable chair to digest and read the paper. That was home, and nice.

### A Loaded Puma

Joe stumbled a little under the weight of his loaded suitcase. A slight sense of guilt hit him. It was that one highball that hit him, he was sure. But which one was it? Gosh, it must have been the 12th. From now on, he'd have to confine himself to 11.

Boy, what a vacation! Joe pulled out a handkerchief to wipe his forehead. He looked at it and grinned. She said she loved him! The feeling was at least mutual.

### The Grand Entrance

He opened the door to his room and walked in. What a mess! Maybe he should have made the bed before going home. And that rain hadn't done the books on his windowsill any good.

He tripped over something as he went to close the window. Only a history book, and he'd almost dropped Her picture. That reminded him, he still had those book reports to do.

### Sobers Up

Aw, let it slide. There was still months to go before exams. Well, a long time, anyway. He figured it up. THREE WEEKS! Joe was sober, instantly. Only three weeks till exams, and all that work to do! He counted it off on his fingers. Those three book reports for history were due. And he still hadn't finished that term paper. A small shudder ran through him. His English was miserably incomplete, too. He sat down, as the shudder increased in proportions. And he should cram like mad for most of those tests. He wished fervently that he had listened when hylomorphism was explained.

Well, he'd just have to get to work. No time like the present. Never put off till tomorrow that which can be done today. Action is the by-word. And what was that other one? Oh, yeah. Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!

### Moves Into Action

Joe rolled a sheet of paper into his typewriter. He was just getting out the English book when he noticed that he still had The Picture under his arm. He set it upon the desk and breathed a deep sigh as he gazed into those beautiful brown eyes.

But enough of this! There's work to be done. He opened the English book, and there were those brown eyes again, staring up out of Chaucer.

### Just a Torn Soul

Joe's soul was torn between the desire to day-dream and the urge to work. Then the Man in him came to the front. He would be stern. He would allow himself one more look at Her, then to the typewriter. The look lasted a full minute, then his fingers found the keys on the machine.

"My Darling,

I just got to school a few minutes ago, but I can't resist the urge to write back to you. . . ."

### CONDOLENCE

The faculty and student body of St. Joseph's extend sympathy to the Rev. Edwin Kaiser, whose mother, Mrs. Margaret Kaiser, died Christmas day at the age of 90.

## GAG BUSTERS

Dick Dyckman has renounced his leprosy club presidency and taken out membership in the Hook Club. Dick claims this new life is really the intoxicating one. What's the Morle-y of this story, Dick?

Bob Ryan, the Fort Wayne, entertained all over the midwest during the holidays. It was pretty nice entertainment, and interesting work.

Joe Paonessa was crying in his beer at the Chicago Club dance because someone else was dating Millie.

Matt Marshall took over the post-office in South Bend during the holidays. Became so enamored of a little parcel with a package, he posthaste decided to transfer to N. D. Good luck, Matt, yo old rebel!

Jack "Brown Eyes" Bushell seems to be losing his touch. It seems that the only time allotted to him by his teen-age cutie was the early afternoons. At night she left him for her coke-toting hep-cats.

Bob Laney, the Salem commando, snapped in during the holi-

days for his future occupation in life: digging ditches. At least he cashed in enough for a call to Joliet (lover) and a quick beer.

The spectacular rise in rent, which has been sweeping the country during the last year, has finally reached St. Joseph's. This would appear to be the case in view of the mass migration from Drexel hall of late. It is cheaper in the dungeon, boys.

If anyone would like to own a school ring but can't raise the necessary wherewithall, just see Tysall. All that is necessary is to say, "You're Wonderful, Tom."

Speaking of rings, ice not only appeared on the roads the night of the Chicago club dance, but also on the finger of Miss Dorothy Summers. Who is footing the bills, Tom?

Prize boner of the vacation was Dan (Dangerous) McDevitt, and Don (Lynx) Quinn buying identical Christmas presents for their respective girl friends. This in itself would not be too bad, but when both girls appeared at the dance in rhinestone necklaces the "cat was out of the bag."

## ...ANNOUNCEMENTS...

### Notice to all Pre-Medical Students

The Medical College Admission Test, required of all applicants for admission to medical colleges for the fall term, 1949, will be given on February 7, 1949. This test will not be given at any other time during the current academic year. Applicants who did not take this test on October 30, 1948 are eligible and should arrange for the test.

Application must be sent by mail in time to reach the Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 592, Princeton, N.J., not later than January 24, 1949. No application will be accepted which reaches this office later than that date.

Application forms and a Bulletin of Information (including testing centers) are available at the Office of the Registrar.

—Office of the Registrar

Veteran-students who acquire dependents or additional dependents while in training under the GI Bill should notify Veterans Administration as soon as possible,

so that VA can determine whether they are eligible for increased subsistence payments.

Notice of change in dependency status should be sent to the VA regional office in which the veteran's records are kept. The notice should be accompanied by legal evidence of dependents, such as a certified copy of public record of birth, baptism or marriage.

Subsistence payments will be increased as of the date legal evidence is received by VA, and will not be made retroactive to the date the veteran actually acquired the dependents.

Monthly subsistence allowances for veterans studying full-time in school are \$75 for those without dependents, \$105 for those with one dependent, and \$120 for those with more than one dependent.

For complete information regarding veterans' benefits, get in touch with the Veterans Administration Office, 545 Northwestern Avenue, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

## FOR VETERANS ONLY ..... GI Business Loans



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# The Puma Grows...

BY TOM H. FEDEWA

## This Situation Exists!

HERETOFORE this department has been devoted primarily to the reporting of newsworthy tidbits in St. Joe sports circles; however, today I am climbing on my soapbox to launch a campaign relative to the situation existing in the recreation room of Raleigh Hall. . . Facilities in the recreation room are in dire need of immediate attention on the part of all students! . . The condition of pool, billiard, snooker, and ping pong tables and equipment is deplorable. . . Cue sticks are broken and without tips, table tennis paddles have strayed, and tables and chairs are marred with scratches and tears. . This has all come about as a result of careless and reckless treatment on our part. . It is evident that if we are to continue the juvenile maltreatment of equipment placed at our disposal for our own enjoyment, we will eventually be without. .

## Attempts Have Been Made!

NOT TOO long ago, officials found it necessary to close the recreation room and prohibit the use of articles within for a short period because facilities were in such a state of disrepair that further use was impossible. . The action was disciplinary, psychological, and necessary. . It was intended to awaken the interest of students and bring about a reformation of conduct. . But, we only griped and grumbled, not realizing that the action came about as a result of our own negligence. . And when the room was reopened, we were right back at it again, ripping, breaking, and disregarding. .

## We're Lacking In Interest!

BEFORE the Christmas holidays, steps were taken toward the reformation of the Raleigh Club, an organization that existed in former years with fraternal friendship as its main objective. . The 1948-'49 edition of the club was to include management of recreational facilities to insure proper organization and upkeep. . A notice was posted on the bulletin board requesting interested students to attend the initial meeting and formulate plans for membership, aims and objectives, the latter to include the taking over of the recreation room. . Not more than four or five persons attended the meeting; therefore the plan was dismissed because of lack of interest. . Seems that we are interested only in taking advantage of the enjoyment the room has to offer, rather than the necessary sacrifices that go along with keeping the place in condition. .

## A Plea In Our Behalf!

ACTUALLY, the set-up requires little if any sacrifice; only gentlemanly conduct and proper sportsmanship on our part. . We are fortunate to have such a place at our disposal—a place where we can relax and enjoy the benefits that accompany the exercising of skill and competitive spirit. . So, let's meet 'em halfway. . If we exercise the proper use and care of the pool cue and table, the ping pong paddle and ball, they'll go a long way in providing the proficiency that we demand of them. . 'Nuf said.

IN PASSING. . Overheard in the chowline: "Cut 'Easy Ed' Maccauley's legs off at the knees and what do you have?—Just another basketball player."

## INTRAMURAL SIDELIGHTS

The Intramural basketball league is now moving into its third week of play following a two-week break due to the Christmas holidays.

Competition is strong both in the A and B leagues. The A league picture looks as if the title will be decided by the outcome of the game featuring the two league leaders. The J Boys and Paddy's Pigs have identical records of four wins against no losses. Another team which still looms as a contender is the Rinky Dinks who were undefeated until they fell before the powerful J Boys by a 61-42 score.

Play in the B league indicates there is a two-way tie for first place, with the Gooey Gum Shoes and the Basketeers being undefeated. The former has a record of four wins against no losses, while the latter has three wins against no losses, having played one less game. The B league has featured many close-scoring games with the teams more evenly matched.

### "A" League Standings

	W	L	Pct.
J Boys	4	0	.1000
Paddy's Pigs	4	0	.1000
Rinky Dinks	4	1	.800
Crusaders	2	1	.667
Hot Shots	2	2	.500
Brewers	0	3	.000
Hungry Five	0	4	.000
Gears	0	4	.000

### "B" League Standings

	W	L	Pct.
Gooey Gum Shoes	4	0	.1000
Basketeers	3	0	.1000
Whiz Kids	3	1	.750
Campus Trotters	3	1	.750
Aces	3	1	.750
Sharp Shooters	2	1	.667
Gung Ho	2	2	.500
Royals	2	2	.500
Ingots	2	2	.500
Frisky Five	1	2	.333
Jr. Globe Trotters	1	3	.250

Towners	1	3	.250
Jerks	1	3	.250
Pygmies	0	3	.000
Gizmos	0	4	.000

Individual statistics show that Bud Greif, forward on the league-leading J Boys, is well ahead of all players in the scoring department. He sank a total of 61 points in four games for an impressive 15.2 points per game. He also has the highest individual game score of 20 points.

Leaders in scoring follow:

	G	TP	A.P.
Greif—J Boys	4	61	15.2
Laney—Paddy's Pigs	3	39	13
Gorman—Rinky Dinks	4	48	12
Hawkins—Crusaders	3	34	11.3
Cullinan—Rinky Dinks	3	34	11.3
Drake—Hot Shots	4	42	10.5
Galvin—Gears	1	16	16

St. Joe's amateur "Varipapas and Schwoeglers" continued intramural bowling in Rensselaer in a week featured generally by low scores and dropping averages.

The Skeegers, although rolling far below their usual form, succeeded in pulling into the league lead by virtue of three straight wins over the last-placers, the Shysters. It was once again a case of one man being unable to save his team, as Captain Jerry Shine blasted out a 175 average, only to see the rest of the squad wobble along far behind. Shine's series was led by a rousing 202, which is thus far high for the league. Tom Carmody again led the Skeegers, although his average dropped eight points to 159.

### Fireballs Thumped

In the other tussle, the Madcaps snapped out of their early lethargy and thumped the Fireballs three times. McAvinchey of the Madcaps averaged 168; Frawley had a 160 average for the Fire-

# Basketeers Chalk 2 Wins, -2 Losses

Puma basketeers journeyed to Jasper, Ind., on December 22 to battle with the Evansville five in a charity game, and suffered their second loss of the season. Bowing to Evansville by a score of 66-45, Collegeville's courtmen dropped to a .750 average, having won six and lost two. Ray Patterson, St. Joseph's bucket-banging ace, was high point man of the tilt, accounting for 15 of the 45 Puma points.

The Cardinal and Purple team, at this writing, is tied with St. Ambrose College for first place in the Midlands Conference, since it upset Loras December 4. St. Ambrose downed St. Norbert in the only other league game to date.

Summary:	FG	FT
EVANSVILLE (66)		
R. Barnett	2	5
Sakel	5	1
Axford	3	3
Kohlmeier	4	1
Hafele	5	2
J. Barnett	2	0
Stubbs	1	0
Buck	2	0
Holder	1	1
Korff	0	0
Norther	1	1
Totals	26	14

ST. JOSEPH'S (45)	FG	FT
Barton	2	1
Dwyer	0	1
Krodel	2	1
Bauman	3	1
R. Patterson	7	1
Wilz	2	2
Tesmond	0	0
Peters	1	0
Weinbrod	2	0
Kacmar	0	0
Totals	19	7

On December 8, the Puma forces met and defeated the Chicago Teachers College quintet by a score of 51-40. Forward Bill Krodel was high point man for the Pumas with 12 tallies.

Summary:	FG	FT
CHICAGO TEACH'S (40)		
Brancato	2	0
Kramp	5	0
Gabriel	3	2
Dillon	3	3
Taylor	2	4
Mulligan	0	1
Excell	0	0
Mueller	0	0
Kasperek	0	0
Totals	15	10

ST. JOSEPH'S (61)	FG	FT
Smith	0	0
Wilz	2	5
Weinbrod	1	1
O'Donnell	2	0
Peters	1	0
Tesmond	1	0
Barton	1	3
Dwyer	0	3
Krodel	5	2
Patterson, R.	3	3
Bauman	3	1
Schultheis	0	0
Kacmar	1	0
Patterson, D.	0	1
Kusek	1	0
Totals	21	19

The Pumas suffered their first defeat of the season on December 9 at the hands of Illinois Wesleyan, in the Wesleyan gym. The Illinoisians accounted for 66 points, while St. Joe scored 51.

Summary:	FG	FT
ILL. WESLEYAN (66)		
Somers	3	4
Neeman	4	3

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Standings	W	L	Pct.	GB
Skeegers	7	2	.777	
Peons	4	2	.667	1½
Fireballs	3	3	.500	2½
Madcaps	4	5	.444	3
Shysters	0	6	.000	5½

The Athletic Committee of St. Joseph's has voted "thumbs-down" on the Pumas participating in the Midwest Intercollegiate League. No reason for the action was given.

## Jumping-Jack



Lanky Jack Wilz, freshman from Washington, Ind., utilizes his six feet, five inches of height to advantage in skillfully playing the backboards for the Puma Cagers.

## Doughnuts Pace Xavier League

A sudden spurt by the "Doughnuts" enabled them to gain top position in the Xavier Hall senior league when, headed by Capt. Joe Sebastiani, they defeated Mark Feck's "Glorps" by a 41-38 score. The "Glorps" lost their captain in the second half when Feck suffered a sprained ankle; he will probably not see action for some weeks.

Several times during the game the score was knotted up, but toward the end of the second period fate smiled on the "Doughnuts" and the victory was theirs. Meanwhile, in the Junior circuit the race seems to be a runaway. With Capt. Kalaf in the saddle, the "Tame Riders" have conquered every opponent, and they ride along with an immaculate record. The "Bulldozers," "Rough Riders" and the "Smiling Schmoos" may yet have something up their sleeves to check the Kalafites. With a few breaks the race may turn into a red-hot one.

### Standings

Senior League	W	L
Doughnuts	4	2
Glorps	2	2
Wildcats	1	4
Junior League	W	L
Tame Riders	6	0
Bulldozers	3	2
Rough Riders	3	2
Smiling Schmoos	0	5

## Midlands League Competition On

Varsity Basketball teams representing four Catholic colleges will comprise the 1948-'49 edition of the Midlands Conference. Squads from St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Ia., Loras College, Dubuque, Ia., St. Norbert's College, West DePere, Wis., and St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, are to compete for honors.

The Rev. Edward Roof, St. Joseph's, Conference Secretary, has pointed out that each of the four teams will play a total of six hardwood tilts in conference competition. The schedule calls for Conference members to play each of their three opponents twice, on a home-and-away basis. Father Roof also indicated that St. Benedict's College of Atchison, Kan., (Continued on Page Four)

# Stuff Historian Relates Origin Of Basketball

BY—WHO ELSE?

The word Basketball is a common one in sporting circles. It denotes an indoor game that can be enjoyed by several people, sometimes by as many as ten. The word is derived from two Greek terms, Bas, which means naked or half nude, and Ketbal, which signifies "although" when written and "Wintertime" when spoken. These words have no bearing on the game itself, but are interesting if one wishes to show off how much Greek he knows.

### Chinese Origin

The earliest proponents of the game were the ancient Chinese, although their version of the game was slightly different from the present-day one. They played on a felt-covered table about the size of a large desk, and there were six baskets instead of the two in common usage now. Another variation of the Chinese version was that they used solid ivory balls, rather than the air-filled leather ones of today. Since these ivory spheres were obviously too heavy to throw, the ingenious Chinese reduced the size of the ball to one with a two and one-half inch diameter, and increased the number of them to 16. They used long sticks, called "cues" (a Chinese word) to aid in making baskets.

Then, in the year 1453, a little-known explorer named Alexander Finnegan made a trip around the world, and brought the game from China to America, where it was received joyously everywhere except in Boston. It was banned there for 43 years, until it was changed to a game involving the present-day large leather ball. The Cabots thought the ivory ones were too cruel on elephants.

### Popularity Jumps

Since this new type ball was obviously not fitted for use on the old style tables, the use of a large barn took preference, and the number of baskets was reduced to two. The game then jumped in popularity.

Basketball, as it is played today, involves two teams of five men each. The custom now outstanding in the United States is to have the men all seven feet tall, but this is not a prime requisite. The action starts when the ball is tossed into the air between two players, at which time every man surreptitiously jabs his opponents in the ribs. Then play begins, as one of the players bounces the ball down towards one of the (Continued on Page Four)

## Puma Gridders To Receive J's

Monograms will be awarded to 26 St. Joseph's College football players at the spring sports banquet, according to an announcement by the Puma athletic board.

Those receiving the award will include Joseph Brosnahan, John Frawley, William Kelly, Robert Lamkin, Ronald Miniatt, Alfred Murphy and Donald Ronan of Chicago; Maurice Angermeier, Charles Greif, Ed Schultheis and Roy Stone, Evansville, Ind.; Donald Quinn, Thomas Quinn and Gerald Wenzel, East Chicago, Ind.; Joseph Gavin and John Lucas of Gary, Ind.; Alfred Miesch and Tom Tysall, Hammond, Ind., and Ernest Bidwell and John Karibo, Louisville, Ky.

### List Continued

Letters also will be awarded to Raymond Biller, Saugatuck, Mich.; John Bushell, Lincoln, Ill.; Edgar Cobbett, Mansfield, O.; William Hoban, Dayton, O.; Walter Moore, South Bend, Ind., and Clifford Beaver, Rensselaer, Ind.

Lost by graduation or transfer from the 1948 squad will be William Kelly, John Lucas, and Charles Greif.



## Xavierite Party Tops Gala Day

The grand finale to a grand day for the Xavierites was the gala party held on Christmas night. Under a ceiling of red and green streamers, Jim Froelich and his aides-de-camp unfurled their Christmas plays. Pine trees lining the walls and the rich yellow glow of candles set the stage for them and, with the soft humming of carolers in the background, the curtain was raised on what was to be for many their finest party.

From the first strains of the ancient "Gaudeamus" to the last booming "Ja, das ist eine Schnitzelbank" there was no doubt that the party was a success.

### Laughs Galore

Topping the laugh-meter for the evening was undoubtedly the skit in which Ben Meiring, Tom DeBrosse, and Lowell Brown donned the garb of Sisters of the Precious Blood and discussed their recent visit with the Sisters at Collegeville.

Jim Wohlwend followed the path blazed by his brother Paul, and once more revived the now traditional "Night After Christmas." And then there was Bill Miller's comic interpretation of Christmas Eve as seen through the eyes of "eines guten Deutsches Mannes."

These are only a few of the highlights of the entertainment staged by Jim Froelich and his assistants. The next day all Xavierites could say that indeed it had been a Merry Christmas.

## Prof Shows Slides

The Rev. John Baechle, assistant professor of biology at St. Joseph's, will address the science clubs of the Catholic high schools of Cincinnati at Regina High School, Thursday evening, Jan. 13. Father Baechle will exhibit his Bird Portraits in color during the address.

Friday evening, Jan. 14, Father Baechle is scheduled to appear before the Audubon Society of Cincinnati.

### —MORE ABOUT— MIDLANDS LEAGUE

has formally withdrawn from league competition. St. Benedict officials have stated that the relative distance of the college from the other Conference schools makes it difficult for travel.

### Slate Listed

Conference play to date finds St. Joseph's with one win against no losses and St. Ambrose with a perfect one-win record. The Pumas defeated Loras 56-46 and St. Ambrose downed St. Norbert 71-57. St. Joe's schedule calls for contests with St. Ambrose on January 10, St. Norbert on January 15, a return engagement with St. Ambrose on February 12, a return tilt with Loras on February 13, and a second contest with St. Norbert on February 19.

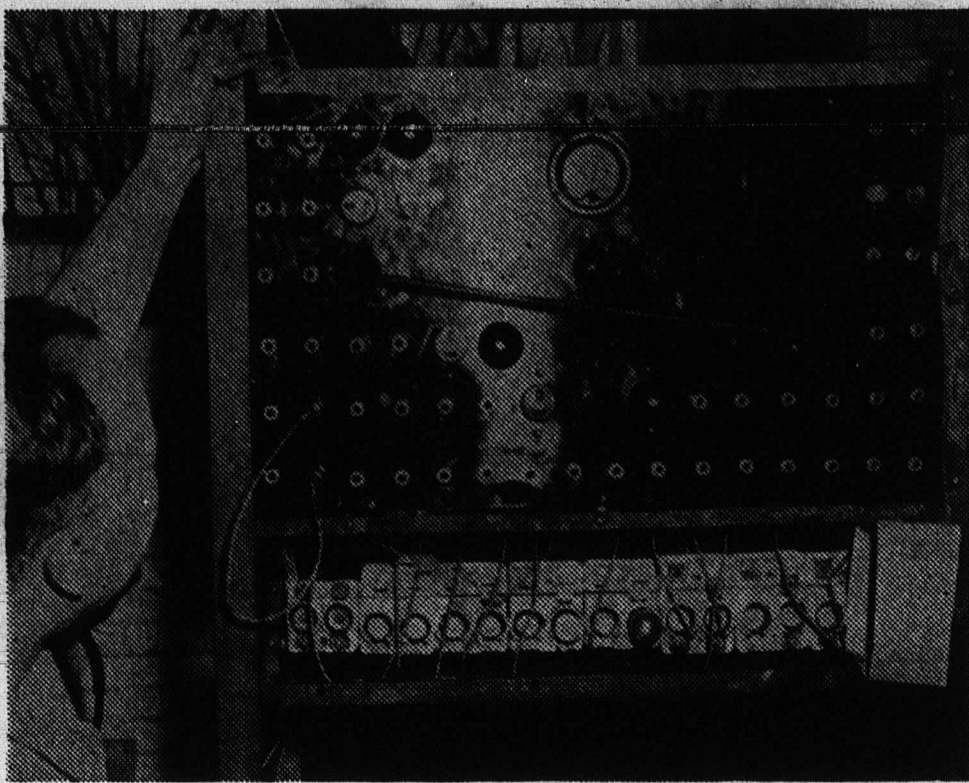
Conference officials state that the league-leading team at the completion of the schedule will receive a trophy. Loras College won the 1947-48 crown.

### —MORE ABOUT— STUFF HISTORIAN

baskets, and the referee blows his whistle again, stopping everything. When play resumes, one team passes the ball around until the five are tired, at which time they drop it through one of the baskets, and this gives the other team its chance to pass it around.

Each time the referee catches a player giving an opponent a jab in the ribs, he fines him one foul. When a player accumulates five fouls, he is allowed to stop and take a shower. When a team runs out of players, the game stops. The team with the most players left at the end of the game is declared winner, and the audience then goes down to the local tavern to talk about how they could have done better.—Utah Cummings.

## Unusual Switchboard



Pictured above is the Rev. Christian Staab with the switchboard he devised for the physics lab of Brunnerdale Seminary, Canton, Ohio. The switchboard gives different voltage to individual physics lab tables when the tables are plugged into the board's sockets. The switchboard will give six and 12 volts D.C. and 115 volts A.C. An instructor in physical science here, Father Staab also devised a wind tunnel while teaching at Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne, Ind.

## College Yule Party Provides Fun for All

According to tradition, St. Joseph's held its annual Christmas party December 16, in the college cafeteria. The party was sponsored by the student council in conjunction with Miss Skinner, the school's dietitian.

Students enjoyed a turkey dinner amid the yuletide setting of candles and Christmas tree. Santa Claus, (Bob Beeching) who was to appear at 6:00 p.m. and distribute presents to the worthies, was a trifle late. It is reported that he experienced some difficulty in tying up his reindeers.

### Appreciation Shown Nuns

The student body gave the good Sisters of the Precious Blood a present in appreciation of the work they have done this year.

Of all the presents given, our applause meter showed the one received by Chuck (Cuddles) Barton was most appropriate. Santa, knowing the largest pair of basketball trunks in the fieldhouse is size 46, gave the "big fellow" a "two way stretch" for Christmas. This was very thoughtful of the old gent with whiskers.

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### PHASE DISTRIBUTED

The St. Joe yearbook, Phase, came off the presses December 21. It chronicled the events of the 1947-1948 scholastic year, except for late spring sports. Copies mailed to sponsors were received during the holidays and students obtained theirs after Jan. 5 at the publications building.

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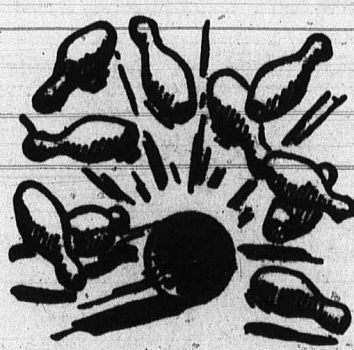
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### —MORE ABOUT— BASKETEERS

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Wroan	0	0
Bennett	2	0
Kinder	2	0

Totals 24 18

ST. JOSEPH'S (51)		
Barton	4	3
Dwyer	6	1
Krodel	3	0
Patterson	1	0
Bauman	6	1
Wilz	1	3
O'Donnell	0	1
Peters	0	0
Tesmond	0	0
Weinbrod	0	0

Totals 21 9

The game with Wabash College, played in the Puma fieldhouse, was in the last seconds of play, with the score tied at 50-all, when Chuck Barton, Puma ace, sank a field goal to break the tie and win the game for St. Joe, 52-50.

Summary:		
WABASH (50)		
Clones	5	3
Houston	5	5
Jackson	3	0
Hutchins	2	0
Gescheidler	3	0
Riggle	1	0
Risley	2	0

Totals 21 8

ST. JOSEPH'S (52)		
Barton	5	5
Dwyer	0	0
Krodel	1	1
Patterson	7	1
Bauman	5	1
Wilz	3	2

Totals 21 10

On December 17, St. Joe played host to the court quintet from St. Benedict's College. The game was a close, hard-fought one, and went into the final seconds of play with the Benedict squad leading by two points. With only a few seconds left, Jack Wilz, Puma forward, sank the tying bucket. In the overtime frame the Cardinal and Purple pulled ahead and took the tilt by a score of 54-48.

Summary:		
ST. BENEDICT (48)		
Werba	6	5
Samp	2	2
Oldani	6	2
Craven	2	2
Blottman	0	1
Brungardt	0	0
Tabor	1	0
Terrell	1	0

Totals 18 12

ST. JOSEPH'S (54)		
Barton	3	1
Dwyer	3	5
Krodel	2	1
Patterson	6	0
Bauman	5	2
Wilz	2	3
Peters	0	0
Tesmond	0	0

Totals 21 12

## Club Notes

An old Spanish custom was revived on the campus by members of the Spanish club at a Christmas party on December 15. The most important member of the party was a large clay gourd, called a "pinata" in which there were presents for all. That it happened to be made of Christmas tissue paper is of no consequence. It was suspended from a line which was attached to a pulley on the ceiling.

The youngest or smallest of the group (as is the custom) was then blind-folded and turned about three times. He was handed a stick with which to attempt to break the gourd. After various unsuccessful tries, the "pinata" was finally broken by Al Miesch and the gifts were distributed.

The party was then resumed with Spanish music and a few songs of the same origin. The moderator of the club, Mr. Soto, directed the proceedings.

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Two-hundred couples gathered in the crowded ballroom of the Del Prado Hotel, near Chicago's lake shore, to enjoy an evening of dancing and entertainment sponsored by the Chicago Club of St. Joseph's College, Dec. 26.

Dancing continued from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. to the music of Bob Ruehle's orchestra, which was playing a repeat performance.

A gold hook presentation was instituted at the frolic, and many entertaining episodes took place. Many graduates and Indiana residents were in attendance.

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